

Frequently Asked Questions about the expiration of Extended Benefits

Indiana no longer qualifies for the federal Extended Benefits program due to the state's lower unemployment rate.

When are Extended Benefits scheduled to expire?

The last day Hoosiers can file voucher for Extended Benefits will be Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Why is this happening?

According to law, the federal government only pays for Extended Benefits when the state's three-month average unemployment rate is 110 percent higher than it was 3 years ago. Due to the state's lower unemployment rate, Indiana no longer qualifies.

When will Hoosiers on Extended Benefits first notice they can no longer file a claim?

After Saturday, April 28, 2012, Hoosiers will no longer be able to file a voucher for Extended Benefits using Uplink, Indiana's online unemployment insurance filing system.

What does it mean when people refer to "tiers" or different federal extensions of unemployment?

There are currently six unemployment tiers:

- Regular State Unemployment provides up to 26 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #1 provides up to 20 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #2 provides up to 14 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #3 provides up to 13 weeks of benefits
- Federal Extension Tier #4 provides up to 6 weeks of benefits
- Extended Benefits, provides up to 20 weeks of benefits